

# 2007 Australian Masters Rowing Championships



Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith, NSW  
Friday 1 June to Sunday 3 June, 2007  
**BULLETIN 1**



New South Wales Rowing extends a warm invitation to all rowers to participate in the 2007 Australian Masters Rowing Championships to be held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre, Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh (Penrith), NSW.

The competition will commence on Friday, 1 June and conclude on Sunday, 3 June, 2007.

**THE VENUE:** The City of Penrith is located approximately 60 kms west of the Sydney CBD and is situated on the Nepean River and the foothills of the famous Blue Mountains.

Described as one of the best rowing courses in the world, the Sydney International Regatta Centre provides a course with a constant 5 metre depth and rock-lined, wave absorbing banks designed to promote the best possible conditions for competition. The unique design of the Centre provides a 1500 metre warm up and cool down facility adjacent to the racing course. A 1,000 seat grandstand provides spectacular views over the rowing course and, together with adjacent embankments and seating on the southern side of the course, will accommodate more than 30,000 spectators.

**TRAVEL:** Penrith is easily reached by road via the Great Western Highway or the Western Freeway from the Sydney CBD as well as the Freeway network when travelling from the south or north. Those competitors travelling by air can access trains from the airport to Sydney Central and then on to Penrith.

**ACCOMMODATION:** A wide range of accommodation is available in the Penrith area and surrounding areas. The Penrith Valley Visitors Information Centre will happily provide information – Tel: 1300 736 836 or try their website - [www.penrithvalley.com.au](http://www.penrithvalley.com.au)  
Email: [pentour@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pentour@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au).

**EVENTS:** A list of the order of events is attached to this Bulletin for your information. Heats, where required, will be rowed at the commencement of the relative session. Semi finals will also be rowed where the number of entries require.

All events will be rowed over 1,000 metres in an eight/nine lane progression system of heats, semi-finals and finals.

**CAR PARKING:** Access to the venue and car parking will be free to competitors and spectators. A shuttle bus will be provided from parking on the south side of the course to the grandstand and boatshed area – also free of charge.

**TRAILERS AND BOAT RACKING:** There is ample parking for trailers on the island with easy access to racking and the water. Trailer drivers should accept the direction of venue staff and organising committee volunteers. Boats can be accommodated either on racking provided or on/adjacent to, trailers.

The venue is locked and security staff in place overnight.

**PRE EVENT TRAINING:** Competitors will be able to access the course and its facilities for training from Thursday, 31 May, 2007.

Access to the venue each day will be from 6.30 am until sunset each day.

**COMPETITOR FACILITIES:** The venue provides excellent toilet, shower and change room facilities for all competitors.

**SPECTATOR FACILITIES:** Spectators may take advantage of the excellent grandstand view of the course.

**CATERING and ENTERTAINMENT:** SIRC provides a wide range of food and refreshment opportunities for competitor and spectator alike.

Join us at the end of each day in the Regatta Kitchen and Bar, above the finish line at the rear of the grandstand, for our special kind of "Happy Hour".

**TEAM TENTS:** Tent spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Clubs wishing to erect a tent at the course should make a written application to the Events Co-ordinator at the email address listed below. Those clubs requiring to hire a tent for their use should advise us of requirements at the earliest possible time (see form attached). Specific details of the tent sizes and costs will be made available subsequent to your application.

**MERCHANDISERS:** Applications for a merchandiser location in the 2007 Australian Masters Shopping Village at SIRC are invited from interested parties. Please advise the Events Co-ordinator of your interest and installation requirements as soon as possible.

**ENTRIES:** Entries for the regatta will close at **5.00 pm EST on Friday, 11 May, 2007**

**ENTRY FEE: \$27.50 per seat** (incl GST)

All entries should be made on-line via the Rowing Australia ROMS system

## **COMPETITION and EVENTS:**

### **Rules**

The regatta will be conducted according to the rules and laws of boat racing of Rowing Australia Inc., viz,

1. A rower may compete as a Masters rower from the beginning of the calendar year in which he or she reaches the age of 27.
2. Year is defined as from January 1 to December 31.
3. A Masters rower will be placed in the age category corresponding to the age which he or she attains during the current year.
4. Age categories are:

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| A | Minimum age         | 27 years |
| B | Minimum Average age | 36 years |
| C | Minimum Average age | 43 years |
| D | Minimum Average age | 50 years |
| E | Minimum Average age | 55 years |
| F | Minimum Average age | 60 years |
| G | Minimum Average age | 65 years |
| H | Minimum Average age | 70 years |
| I | Minimum Average age | 75 years |
| J | Minimum Average age | 80 years |
5. The average age of a crew (excluding the coxswain) will be calculated by dividing the total number of years of age of the crew by the number of members of the crew rounded down to the nearest whole number.
6. Age categories do not apply to coxswains of masters crews.
7. Every Masters rower must be in a position to prove his/her age by production of an official document (passport or identity card).
8. The handicaps that will apply at Australian Masters Rowing Championships are contained in Appendix of the Rowing Australia rules and by laws.

Entries which do not state a competitor's age will be classified as A category.

**Mixed Masters Events** may be held of masters crews in which half of the crew, excluding the coxswain, shall be women and half shall be men. The coxswain may be of either gender.

**Composite crews** are permitted without reference to State Associations. There are no restrictions to the number of clubs represented in a composite crew.

**Coxswains:** May be of either gender and are not subject to the age limit applicable to the crew.

Minimum weight for coxswains is -

Women's crews            50 kilograms

Men's crews                55 kilograms

Mixed crews                50 kilograms

If a coxswain weighs less than the minimum weight for the crew, weights must be carried to make up the difference.

Coxswains must be weighed in racing uniform by a person authorised by the Organizing Committee conducting the regatta at least 1 hour prior to the advertised starting time of their first race.

The Organising Committee may require the coxswain of any crew, with the weights carried by that person, to be weighed by an authorised person immediately after their race. If the coxswain does not weight in at the required weight at such re-weighing, the coxswain's crew will be disqualified.

**POLICY ON ENTRIES and AWARDS:**

If less than two entries are received for any age category the event will be combined with a suitable or adjacent age category.

Combined age category events will be conducted on a handicap basis. Handicaps will be those provided in the Rowing Australia rules.

Medals will be presented for each age group as follows:

- Two entries – First place medal only
- Three entries – First and Second place medal only
- Four or more entries – First, Second and Third place medals.

Where there are sufficient entries in a single age group within a combined age group event place medals may be awarded to place getters within that age group at the discretion of the organising committee.

**ENQUIRIES**

NSW Rowing, PO Box 722, Glebe, NSW, 2037

Tel: 02 8116 9777 Fax: 02 8732 1618

Events Co-ordinator: Mobile 0417 089 619

Email: [masters2007@rowingnsw.asn.au](mailto:masters2007@rowingnsw.asn.au)

Website: [www.rowingnsw.asn.au/masters2007](http://www.rowingnsw.asn.au/masters2007)

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**2007 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Order of Events**

**Friday**

1. MI 2-
2. MD 2x
3. WC 4+
4. MG 8+
5. WF 1x
6. MA 2-
7. WA 2x
8. ME 2-
9. WD 4x
10. MH 1x
11. WGH 8+
12. MB 4x
13. MF 1x
14. WB 2-
15. MC 4+
16. MC 4-
17. WE 8+
18. MixFH 4x
19. MixC 8+
20. MixE 4+

**Break**

21. MD 4+
22. MD 4-
23. WC 1x
24. MG 2x
25. WF 8+
26. MA 4x
27. WA 2-
28. ME 1x
29. WD 4+
30. MH 8+
31. MB 8+
32. WGH 1x
33. WB 1x
34. MF 4+
35. WE 4x
36. MC 1x
37. MI 2x
38. MixD 8+
39. MixE 2x
40. MixC 4x
41. MixAB 4+

**Saturday**

42. MD 2-
43. WC 2x
44. MG 4+
45. WF 4x
46. MA 8+
47. WA 1x
48. ME 2x
49. WD 2-
50. MH 4x
51. WGH 4+
52. MB 1x
53. WB 8+
54. MF 2-
55. MC 4x
56. MI 4+
57. WE 2-
58. MixFH 8+
59. MixD 2x
60. MixAB 4x
61. IWD 4x
62. IMD 8+

**Break**

63. IWD 8+
64. IMD 4x
65. MG 1x
66. WF 2-
67. MA 2x
68. WA 4+
69. ME 8+
70. WD 1x
71. MH 2-
72. WGH 2x
73. MB 4+
74. WB 4x
75. WE 1x
76. MI 1x
77. MC 2-
78. MF 4x
79. WC 8+
80. MD 1x
81. MixFH 2x
82. MixAB 8+
83. MixE 4x
84. MixC 4+

**Sunday**

85. MA 1x
86. WA 8+
87. ME 4x
88. WD 2x
89. MH 4+
90. WGH 2-
91. MB 2-
92. WB 2x
93. MF 8+
94. WE 4+
95. MI 4x
96. MC 2x
97. WC 2-
98. MD 8+
99. MG 4x
100. WF 2x
101. MixFH 4+
102. MixD 4x
103. MixAB 2x
104. W CofC 1x
105. M CofC 1x

**Break**

106. MA 4+
107. WE 2x
108. MI 8+
109. MD 4x
110. MG 2-
111. WF 4+
112. WA 4x
113. ME 4+
114. ME 4-
115. WD 8+
116. MH 2x
117. WGH 4x
118. MB 2x
119. WB 4+
120. MF 2x
121. WC 4x
122. MC 8+
123. MixD 4+
124. MixC 2x
125. MixE 8+

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## TENT SITE APPLICATION

Sydney International Regatta Centre will provide marked spaces for club tents from Thursday, 31 May, 2007 to the conclusion of the regatta on 3 June, 2007.

If you require to reserve a tent space – please complete the following –

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|---------------------------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Club Name:</b>               |   |             |
| <b>Contact Name:</b>            |   |             |
| <b>Address:</b>                 |   |             |
| <b>Telephone No:</b>            |   | <b>Fax:</b> |
| <b>Email address:</b>           |   |             |
| <b>Date of set up required:</b> |   |             |
| <b>Date of departure:</b>       |   |             |
| <b>Tent dimensions:</b>         | (Maximum tent space is 9m wide x 12 m long) |             |

If you require to hire a tent/marquee, please complete the above information as well as indicating the size of tent required.

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| <b>Tent Size required:</b> |  |
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| <b>Signed:</b> |  | (Name and position) |
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Please complete this form and return it to –  
The Organising Committee  
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